

North Carolina
National Register Advisory Committee
Minutes
March 20, 2014

The North Carolina National Register Advisory Committee (NRAC) met on March 20, 2014, in the conference room on the third floor of the Cultural Resources Building (also known as the Archives and History/State Library Building), 109 East Jones Street, in downtown Raleigh. Committee members in attendance were: Mrs. Millie Barbee, chairman, Mr. David Black, Dr. Edmond Boudreaux, Mr. Samuel B. Dixon, Mr. George W. Edwards, Ms. Wendy Grady, Dr. Valerie A. Johnson, Ms. Jo Ramsay Leimenstoll, and Dr. Richard D. Starnes. Committee members Mr. John Larson and Dr. Linda F. Stine were absent.

State Historic Preservation Office (HPO) staff members present were: Kevin Cherry, state historic preservation officer; Ramona Bartos, deputy state historic preservation officer; Claudia Brown, Survey and National Register Branch supervisor; Ann Swallow, National Register coordinator, Jessica Dockery, National Register and survey specialist; Jannette Coleridge-Taylor, National Register assistant; Andrew Edmonds, GIS specialist; Chandrea Burch, file and photography clerk; Anna Grantham, assistant file and photography clerk; Scott Power, Eastern Office supervisor; John Wood, preservation and restoration specialist, Eastern Office; Amy Fenton, Eastern Office intern; Annie McDonald, preservation specialist, Western Office; Mitch Wilds, Restoration Services Branch supervisor; Paul Fomberg, senior restoration specialist; Tim Simmons, senior staff architect; and Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator.

Visitors in attendance were Richard Angino, Third Wave Housing, in support of the nomination for Oneida Cotton Mills; Victor Sharpe and Jim Greathouse, City of Fayetteville Planning Department, and Bertha Miller, Fayetteville State University, in support of the Study List application for the E. E. Smith House; consultants Cynthia de Miranda, Jennifer Martin Mitchell, and Michelle Michael; and NCSU public history students Abby Heller and Mary Schmidt.

Mrs. Barbee welcomed everyone at 10:10 a.m. After introducing herself, she asked committee members and then visitors and staff to introduce themselves. Mrs. Barbee thanked everyone for attending the meeting and expressed her appreciation for the staff's work.

At 10:20 a.m., a training session conducted by National Register coordinator Ann Swallow commenced (see attached agenda).

At 11:18 a.m., Mrs. Barbee formally convened the meeting and asked Dr. Cherry for his report. Dr. Cherry began by thanking Anna Grantham for making iced cookies in celebration of the first day of spring. He then reported on his attendance at the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) annual meeting held in Washington, DC, the first week of March, when he, Ms. Bartos, and a contingent of UNCG students and others met with North Carolina's congressional delegation individually on "lobby day" immediately prior to the meeting. He said each year visits to the delegation include a major request on behalf of NCSHPO and this year's request was for full funding of the Historic Preservation Fund from federal oil and gas leases and for all of the congressional delegation to join the historic preservation caucus. As a result, Congressman Meadows joined the caucus. Dr. Cherry added that everyone they met with was impressed by the HPO's notebook on historic preservation activities in each congressional district.

Dr. Cherry went on to report that there is great concern about the fate of North Carolina's historic preservation tax credits, which are scheduled to sunset on December 31, 2014, and are being reviewed as part of an overall movement of tax reform and broader concerns about tax policy. He said that HPO and senior Department of Cultural Resources (DCR) staff have worked closely with Department of Commerce staff and others to make suggestions about changes to the credits and are waiting to hear from the governor's office about his stance on the credits. Dr. Cherry stated that the HPO will support Governor McCrory's decision, whatever it is, because we work for the administration, and that if the decision is negative, it will be up to citizens to make their sentiments known to the governor and the legislature.

Mrs. Barbee recognized Ms. Bartos, who began her report with comments on the HPO's 2014 congressional booklet, noting that it is a testament to the strong teamwork of the HPO staff. She then announced that environmental review specialist Justin Kockritz left the HPO in December to take a job with the state historic preservation office of Texas after his wife was hired to work for the state's WPA-era parks. Ms. Bartos said that the position has been advertised and is greatly needed as projects submitted for HPO review were already twenty percent above last year's submittals. She also expressed her appreciation for assistance from Office of State Archaeology environmental review staff while the position remains vacant.

Ms. Bartos then praised the HPO's environmental review staff for the positive results their work with the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs has yielded regarding Building 9, the sister building to DCR's Western Office, once part of the Asheville VA hospital campus. She said that Building 9 is in very poor condition but the rehabilitation of the DCR building next door and meetings initiated by HPO staff have resulted in the VA becoming interested in rehabilitation rather than demolition.

Ms. Bartos completed her report with several announcements:

- Staff is reviewing applications for the \$93,000 available as matching grants to certified local governments in 2014.
- The HPO's local government services coordinator position, vacant since Rob Crawford vacated the position last summer, will be re-advertised soon.
- The towns of Oxford and Mount Airy have expressed interest in becoming certified local governments, exemplifying the need for a local government services coordinator.
- Regarding historic preservation tax credit projects, the rehabilitation of Hollar Hosiery Mills in Hickory has been completed, the first phase of the Loray Mill project is wrapping up, and Win-Mock Dairy, rehabilitated a couple of years ago, is currently the featured project on the National Park Service's Technical Services web site. Examples of sheets produced by the HPO on completed tax credit projects, similar to the HPO's congressional notices for new National Register listings, were circulated.

Mrs. Barbee reiterated how important the tax credits are to historic preservation across the state and asked if it is permissible for the NRAC to lobby their legislators. Ms. Bartos responded that committee members may lobby as long as they are not state employees.

Mrs. Barbee asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2013 meeting. Upon a motion made by Ms. Leimenstoll and seconded by Dr. Starnes, the minutes were approved by all.

After Mrs. Barbee reminded the committee about procedures regarding real or perceived conflicts of interest, and no one announced a conflict, she asked for presentation of National Register nominations to begin.

Jessica Dockery presented four nominations from the central and southeastern regions of the state (see attached agenda). When she finished, Mr. Black asked if Ms. Dockery meant to say that the South Brick House in Wake Forest is the only brick Greek Revival-style house in Wake County, because there is another such house in Raleigh, the Haywood House. Ms. Dockery replied that she meant to say that it is the only brick Greek Revival-style house in Wake Forest.

Ann Swallow presented six nominations from the central and southeastern regions of the state (see attached agenda). When she presented the nomination for the North Cherry Street Historic District Boundary Decrease and Additional Documentation in Winston-Salem, she noted that staff was recommending that the boundary be re-drawn to retain an additional contributing house. Mr. Black asked what precipitated the boundary decrease. Ms. Gledhill-Earley explained that a redevelopment plan for the area entailed preparation of a programmatic agreement, which stipulated Winston-Salem community development staff training on rehabilitation, development of compatible prototype housing for new development, and a re-evaluation of the historic district at the end of the rehabilitation project. The last requirement triggered the boundary decrease, which eliminates the need for additional review in the area that is no longer historic. When she presented the nomination for the Napoleon Bonaparte McCanless House in Salisbury, Ms. Swallow stated that removal of much of the interior placed the house on the cusp of eligibility because the finishes would have represented the importance of Mr. McCanless, for whom the house was nominated under Criterion B.

After Ms. Swallow concluded her presentation, Ms. Leimenstoll asked if there was a staff recommendation regarding the McCanless House. Ms. Swallow replied that she was inclined to recommend denial, but staff was split and in the end she took the "glass-half-full" approach to an evaluation of the building's integrity. Mrs. Barbee stated that the McCanless House would be considered separately and asked for a motion on the other nominations for central and southeastern properties. Mr. Black made a motion for approval, Dr. Starnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Discussion of the McCanless House ensued. Mr. Black asked if renovations of the house were ongoing; Ms. Swallow replied that work had stopped. When he asked why the house was being nominated with work incomplete, she said that the work had been begun by a previous owner and the new owner, Livingstone College, had sponsored the nomination. Mr. Black noted that the exterior of the house is intact and in good shape and that probably half of the interior woodwork remains intact, providing enough evidence to restore original finishes; in other words, the glass is more than half full. Mr. Dixon stated that the mantelpieces are exuberant and the exteriors remarkable. Ms. Leimenstoll asked if the windows had been replaced and if so, with what materials. Ms. Swallow explained that certain windows had been replaced, some in wood and some in vinyl. When Ms. Leimenstoll asked if the nomination would be stronger if work were done on the interior and the nomination amended to reflect the additional work. Ms. Swallow

replied that it is not known what the college intends to do and that the HPO has no control over the work, although staff can make suggestions. Ms. Leimenstoll stated that the house seems marginally eligible, but if it is not listed, its future seems less certain. Dr. Johnson added that the house, regardless of its condition, remains a repository for the McCanless family's significance in the area of social history. Mr. Black moved for approval of the nomination, Ms. Leimenstoll seconded the motion, and all voted for it.

Mrs. Barbee called a recess for lunch at 12:45 p.m. When she reconvened the committee at 1:25 p.m., the meeting continued with a presentation by Scott Power of National Register nominations for two properties in the eastern region of the state (see attached agenda). When the presentation concluded, Dr. Starnes made a motion to approve the two nominations, Dr. Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Consideration of Study List applications began with a presentation by Claudia Brown of five properties in the central and southeastern regions of the state (see attached agenda). At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Black commented that the Wayland and Mamie Stevens House in Fuquay-Varina seems very average and more appropriate as a contributing building in a historic district. Ms. Brown explained that there is not an eligible district encompassing the house and that staff found the house to be potentially eligible for the National Register individually because it is one of very few Colonial Revival-style houses in the town and is remarkably intact.

Before Ann Swallow presented a Study List application for the Junius W. Hedgecock House in High Point, Ms. Leimenstoll recused herself and left the room. When Ms. Swallow finished her presentation, Ms. Leimenstoll returned to the meeting.

Jessica Dockery then presented the final four properties in the central and southeastern regions for Study List consideration (see attached agenda). After presenting the Dr. Ezekiel Ezra Smith House in Fayetteville, Ms. Dockery introduced visitors Michelle Michael, the consultant who prepared the Study List application for the house, city planner Victor Sharpe, and Dr. Bertha Miller with Fayetteville State University, all of whom were attending in support of the application. After Ms. Dockery presented the Erwin Commercial Historic District, Mr. Black stated that he just remembered that the Town of Erwin is his firm's client and recused himself, leaving the room. Mrs. Barbee asked for a motion on the Erwin Commercial Historic District. Ms. Leimenstoll moved for approved, Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. Black returned to the meeting and Ms. Dockery completed her presentation.

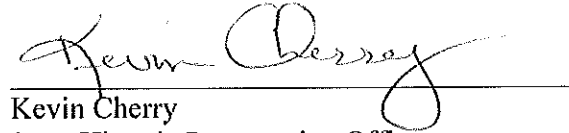
Mrs. Barbee then asked for a motion on the remaining nine properties from the central and southeastern regions. Before making a motion to place the nine properties on the Study List, Dr. Starnes commented that Dr. Ezekiel Ezra Smith was a giant in African American education and that he was pleased to see him recognized. Ms. Grady seconded the motion and all voted for it except for Ms. Leimenstoll, who abstained due to her recusal regarding the Hedgecock House.

Annie McDonald presented two western region properties for placement on the Study List (see attached agenda). Mr. Edwards moved for approval of the two properties with a second by Ms. Leimenstoll and all voted for it.

John Wood and Scott Power presented two eastern region properties for placement on the Study List (see attached agenda). Dr. Starnes moved for approval of both properties, Mr. Dixon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

After Ms. Swallow announced that the next NRAC meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2014, Mrs. Barbee thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kevin Cherry
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Attachments

**NATIONAL REGISTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NATIONAL REGISTER TRAINING
MARCH 20, 2014**

HPOWEB - GIS map Web Service Introduction – Michael Southern

- <http://gis.ncdcr.gov/hpoweb/>

NRAC Members

- Qualifications, duties, terms
- NPS Review Board Manual
<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/strevman/>

Study List and National Register application process

- Robertson Boarding House, Union Grove – further research
- Funderburk Family House, Matthews – not approved -- moved and original porch removed

Evaluating individual buildings vs. buildings in historic districts

- Overall integrity of the district within the period of significance
- Contributing and non-contributing resources

Questions and Answers

NATIONAL REGISTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Conference Room, Third Floor, Archives and History Building
March 20, 2014

Final Agenda

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>PROPERTY/LOCATION</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>
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NATIONAL REGISTER

SURVEY AND NATIONAL REGISTER BRANCH

Central and Southeastern Regions

Alamance	Oneida Cotton Mills and Scott-Mebane Manufacturing Company Complex Graham	Jessica Dockery
Moore	Firleigh Farms Southern Pines vicinity	
Wake	Fuquay Springs Historic District Boundary Increase Fuquay-Varina	
	South Brick House Wake Forest	
Forsyth	Hoots Milling Company Roller Mill Winston-Salem	Ann Swallow
	North Cherry Street Historic District Boundary Decrease and Additional Documentation Winston-Salem	
Gaston	Bessemer City Downtown Historic District Bessemer City	
Guilford	Highland Cotton Mills Village Historic District High Point	
Rowan	Napoleon Bonaparte McCanless House Salisbury	
Wake	Pugh House Morrisville	

Eastern Region

Hertford	David A. Barnes House Murfreesboro	Scott Power
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Martin Williamston Colored School
Williamston

STUDY LIST

SURVEY AND NATIONAL REGISTER BRANCH

Central and Southeastern Regions

Durham	Woods Grocery - Pearl Mill Village Historic District Boundary Increase Durham	Claudia Brown
Stanly	Albemarle Graded School Albemarle	
Wake	Hamlin Drugs – Hallmark Building Raleigh	
	Wayland and Mamie Stevens House Fuquay-Varina	
	Garland S. and Toler Moore Tucker House Raleigh	
Guilford	Junius W. Hedgecock House High Point	Ann Swallow
Cumberland	Dr. Ezekiel Ezra Smith House Fayetteville	Jessica Dockery
Harnett	Erwin Commercial Historic District Erwin	
Moore	Tyson and Jones Buggy Factory Office Carthage	
Randolph	Acme – McCrary Hosiery Mills Asheboro	

Western Region

Cleveland	Davidson Elementary School Kings Mountain	Annie McDonald
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Polk

Stone Hedge
Tryon vicinity

Eastern Region

Pamlico

Holts Chapel School
Oriental vicinity

John Wood

Martin

Robersonville Historic District
Robersonville

Scott Power